

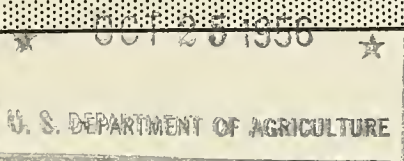
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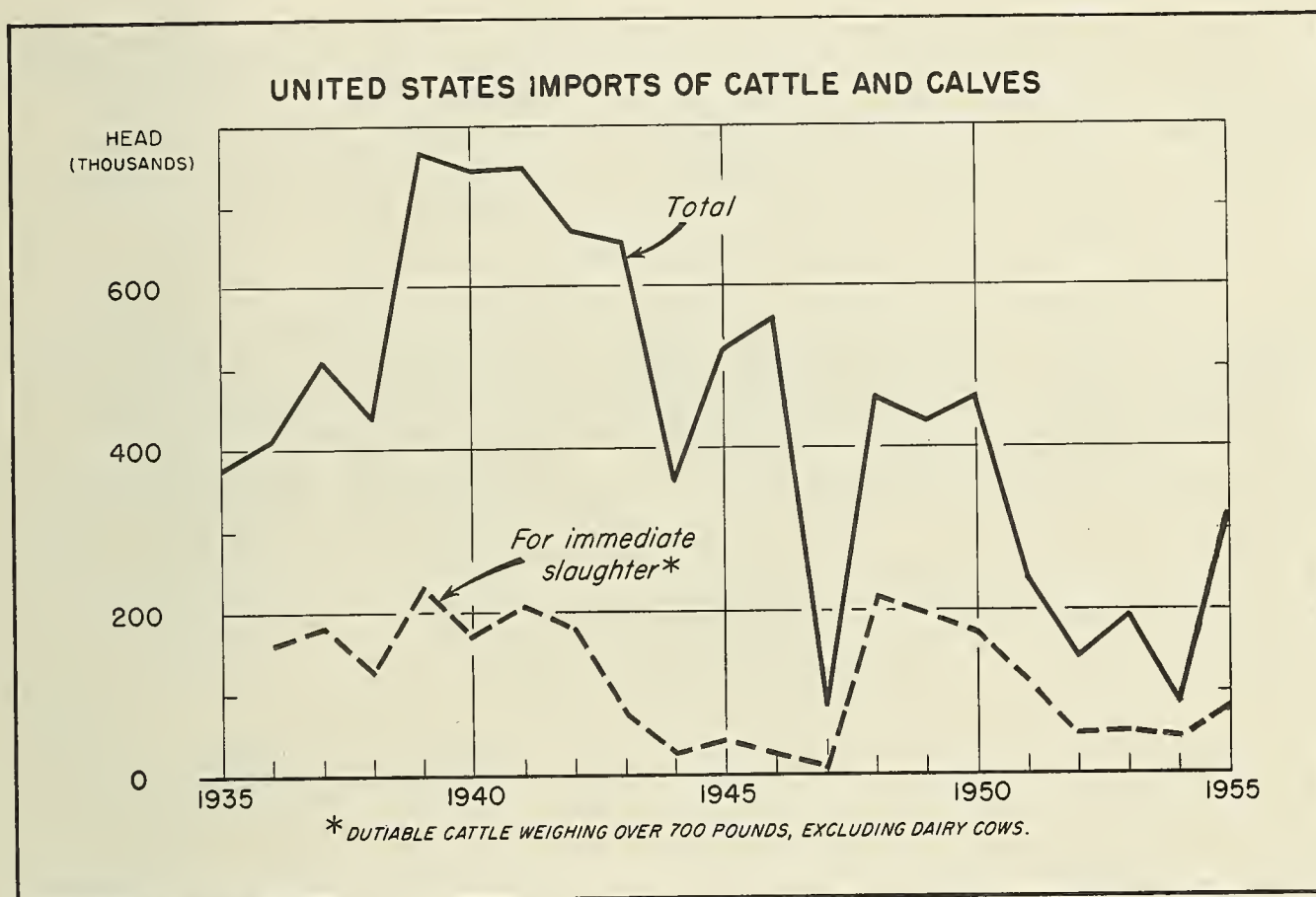
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UNITED STATES FOREIGN TRADE IN CATTLE AND CALVES, SHEEP AND LAMPS AND HOGS



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United States imports of cattle increased in 1955 from the low level of a year earlier due to the opening of the Mexican border on January 1, 1955. The imports of 314,377 head included 247,751 from Mexico and 66,603 from Canada. The total imports of cattle were the largest in 5 years but were below those for most previous years since at least 1934.

United States exports of cattle for breeding increased during 1955 totaling 24,505 head, and exports of other cattle totaled 10,396 head. The value of all cattle exported was \$12.4 million. The largest export markets were Mexico, Venezuela, Canada, Colombia and Cuba. However, exports were made to a large number of other countries but chiefly those in Latin America.

Imports of cattle (except for breeding) are subject to the United States import duties. Imports from Mexico are also subject to export taxes imposed by the Mexican Government. In addition the Mexican government has maintained a quota on exports to limit the number of cattle moving from the country.

Mexico is a large importer of agricultural and industrial products from the United States. During 1955 United States exports to Mexico included 29 million pounds of inedible tallow and greases, 20 million pounds of lard, 775,000 cattle hides, and 123,000 calf skins. The exports also included 3.4 million pounds of meat products (mostly pork), and 2.6 million pounds of fresh and frozen variety meats. United States imports of beef from Mexico during 1955 totaled only 10.4 million pounds of which 8.7 million pounds were boneless beef. Imports of beef from Mexico in 1954 totaled 18.1 million pounds.

Imports of sheep and lambs last year totaling 7,640 head. were materially larger than the 1,480 imported a year earlier, the largest since 1951. All of the imports last year were from Canada while a few came from Mexico in 1954. United States exports of sheep and lambs were relatively large during 1955. Of the 26,113 head exported, 21,448 went to Canada. United States exports of hogs to Canada have been embargoed by Canadian regulations in order to prevent the introduction of VE disease into Canada.

Imports of hogs which were at a high level in 1954 dropped sharply in 1955 as Canadian prices declined toward United States levels. The equivalent of 6,590 head of dutiable hogs weighing 200 pounds each were imported compared with 30,715 a year earlier. Fairly large exports of hogs were made to Mexico, Cuba and Colombia during 1955 and the total of 4,378 head exported was the largest for several years.

UNITED STATES: Foreign trade in livestock, 1951-55

Item	1951 Number	1952 Number	1953 Number	1954 Number	1955 Number
<u>Imports</u>					
Cattle:					
For feeding, dairy or slaughter (dutiabale)					
Mexico	-	127,279	127,925	-	247,747
Canada	219,767	10,562	49,153	70,680	48,269
Other countries	54	207	82	-	-
Total	219,821	138,048	177,160	70,680	296,016
For breeding					
Mexico	-	-	2	-	4
Canada	19,120	2,222	20,757	15,259	18,334
Other countries	18	191	307	117	23
Total	19,138	2,413	21,066	15,376	18,361
All cattle					
Mexico		127,279	127,927		247,751
Canada	238,887	12,784	69,910	85,939	66,603
Other countries	72	398	389	117	23
Total	238,959	140,461	198,226	86,056	314,377
Sheep and Lambs:					
For feeding or slaughter (dutiabale)	14,312	304	868	1,480	7,640
For breeding	2,591	603	1,283	1/	1/
Total	16,903	907	2,151	1,480	7,640
Hogs:					
For feeding or slaughter (dutiabale) 2/	950	185	24,030	30,715	6,590
For breeding	535	11	395	1/	1/
Total	1,485	196	24,425	30,715	6,590
<u>Exports</u>					
Cattle					
For breeding	6,404	7,231	10,703	17,316	24,505
Other	1,991	3,581	4,087	3,936	10,396
Total	8,395	10,812	14,790	21,252	34,901
Sheep and Lambs:	1,087	6,303	33,888	11,589	26,113
Hogs:	935	1,748	1,407	887	4,378

1/ This is now included in "animals for breeding N. E. C.", commerce code number 0890500. Classified as asses and burros, goats, hogs and sheep.

2/ Equivalent 200 pound hogs.

Foreign Agricultural Service: Compiled from official records of the Bureau of the Census.

Year	Dutiable Cattle									
	Under 700 pounds and over					Under 700 pounds				
	Cows for dairy purposes	Other	Total	Under 200 pounds	200 to 699 pounds	Total	Total dutiable cattle	Breeding cattle (Free)	Total cattle	
	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head
1935	4/	4/	68,573	57,314	4/	296,050	364,623	13,501	378,124	
1936	6,689	158,873	165,562	82,052	176,237	233,551	399,113	11,186	410,299	
1937	6,724	182,333	189,057	47,708	223,837	305,889	494,946	12,378	507,324	
1938	7,445	125,346	132,791	115,092	243,831	291,539	424,330	9,631	433,961	
1939	8,603	228,001	236,604	104,602	401,874	516,966	753,570	10,083	763,653	
1940	9,600	169,720	179,320	102,195	346,289	450,891	30,211	13,621	643,832	
1941	13,387	205,488	218,875	66,518	412,312	514,507	733,382	16,375	749,757	
1942	19,566	180,054	199,620	14,269	386,495	453,013	652,633	16,218	668,851	
1943	34,934	77,520	112,454	5,861	502,909	517,178	629,632	22,978	652,610	
1944	33,624	25,696	59,320	9,742	276,297	282,158	341,478	16,791	358,269	
1945	43,984	41,995	85,979	10,053	393,672	403,414	489,393	22,230	511,623	
1946	66,085	25,915	92,000	7,642	413,665	423,718	515,718	42,186	557,904	
1947	43,917	888	44,805	23,571	2,010	9,652	54,457	30,048	84,505	
1948	84,275	214,645	298,920	41,535	96,335	119,906	418,826	42,853	461,679	
1949	49,061	194,916	243,977	38,985	126,614	168,149	412,126	21,332	433,458	
1950	46,591	173,000	219,591	15,609	179,709	218,694	438,285	22,684	460,969	
1951	35,626	117,479	153,105	810	51,107	66,716	219,821	19,138	238,959	
1952	7,017	47,941	54,958	4,000	82,280	83,090	138,048	2,413	140,461	
1953	22,009	48,320	70,329	2,872	102,831	106,831	177,160	21,066	198,226	
1954	17,633	46,798	64,431	3,795	3,377	6,249	70,680	15,376	86,056	
1955	26,676	73,696	100,372		191,849	195,644	296,016	18,361	314,377	

1/ During World War II exports from Canada to the United States were limited by government controls and in more recent years imports from both Canada and Mexico have been affected by foot-and-mouth disease quarantines. For details of these specific controls see the footnotes on the preceding 2 tables. 2/ Under 175 pounds prior to Jan. 1, 1939. 3/ 175 to 699 pounds prior to Jan. 1, 1939. 4/ Not so classified prior to Jan. 1, 1936.

UNITED STATES: Imports of live cattle from Canada, annual 1935-55

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Year	Dutiable Cattle									
	700 pounds and over					Under 700 pounds				
	Cows for dairy purposes	Other	Total	Under 200 pounds	200 to 699 pounds	Total	Total dutiable cattle	Breeding cattle (Free)	Total cattle	
	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head
1935	3/ 6,686	3/ 136,533	59,930	3/ 55,695	3/ 35,149	52,790	112,720	13,066	125,786	
1936	6,724	157,467	164,191	80,792	50,355	90,844	234,063	10,346	244,409	
1937	7,442	75,529	82,971	45,645	9,147	131,147	295,338	11,350	306,688	
1938	8,570	172,753	181,323	81,832	11,229	54,792	137,763	9,080	146,843	
1939	9,595	125,004	134,599	74,681	10,076	93,061	274,384	9,599	283,983	
1940	13,387	150,216	163,603	62,419	10,192	84,757	219,356	12,904	232,260	
1941	19,509	115,475	134,984	53,015	9,033	72,611	236,214	16,139	252,353	
1942	34,764	211	34,975	5,986	1,317	62,048	197,032	16,107	213,139	
1943	33,624	164	33,788	5,551	1,038	7,303	42,278	22,369	64,647	
1944	43,919	77	43,996	8,427	1,535	6,589	40,377	16,748	57,125	
1945	64,737	182	64,919	9,345	3,113	9,962	53,958	22,163	76,121	
1946	43,912	95	44,007	7,642	1,372	12,458	77,377	41,919	119,296	
1947	84,275	214,645	298,920	23,571	96,335	9,014	53,021	29,869	82,890	
1948	49,061	194,916	243,977	41,535	126,614	119,906	418,826	42,853	461,679	
1949	46,591	173,000	219,591	38,985	179,709	168,149	412,126	21,332	433,458	
1950	35,600	117,455	153,055	15,609	51,103	218,694	438,285	22,610	460,895	
1951	4,636	4,244	8,880	714	968	66,712	219,767	19,120	238,887	
1952	21,811	22,931	44,742	3,515	896	1,682	10,562	2,222	12,784	
1953	17,633	46,798	64,431	2,872	3,377	4,411	49,153	20,757	69,910	
1954	25,252	17,543	42,795	3,256	2,218	6,249	70,680	15,259	85,939	
1955						5,474	48,269	18,334	66,603	

1/ Under 175 pounds prior to January 1, 1939, 2/ 175 to 699 pounds prior to January 1, 1939. 3/ Not so classified prior to January 1, 1936. 4/ Exports of live cattle from Canada to the United States were made subject to license effective June 15, 1942, and practically no licenses were granted except for dairy cattle and breeding stock. 5/ Canadian controls on exports of slaughter and feeder cattle were removed on August 16, 1948. 6/ Effective February 25, 1952, the United States placed an embargo on the imports of live cattle from Canada, due to an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. 7/ Effective March 1 the United States removed its embargo on import of cattle from Canada.

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Year	Dutiable Cattle										
	Cows for dairy purposes				Under 700 pounds						
	700 pounds and over		Under 200 to 699 pounds		Under 200 pounds		200 to 699 pounds		Total		
	Head	Other	Total	1/200 pounds	Head	2/699 pounds	Head	Total	dutiable cattle	Breeding cattle (Free)	Total Cattle
1935	2/	3/	8,622	3/	2/	140,241	242,468	251,090	280	251,370	
1936	0	22,190	22,190	1,615	1,615	172,717	141,856	164,046	684	164,730	
1937	0	24,792	24,792	1,259	1,259	234,030	173,976	198,768	692	199,460	
1938	0	49,770	49,770	2,062	2,062	390,074	236,092	285,862	383	286,245	
1939	0	55,232	55,232	33,259	33,259	336,207	423,333	478,565	267	478,832	
1940	0	44,715	44,715	29,921	29,921	402,120	366,128	410,843	602	411,445	
1941	0	54,253	54,253	39,776	39,776	377,407	441,896	496,149	235	496,384	
1942	57	64,575	64,632	13,503	13,503	501,592	390,910	455,542	81	455,623	
1943	170	77,309	77,479	8,283	8,283	275,259	509,875	587,354	582	587,936	
1944	0	25,531	25,531	310	310	392,132	275,569	301,100	26	301,126	
1945	62	41,917	41,979	1,315	1,315	410,552	393,447	435,426	9	435,435	
1946	4/ 1,348	25,714	27,062	708	708	5/ 638	411,260	438,322	152	438,474	
1947	-	5/ 792	5/ 792	0	0	5/ 638	5/ 638	5/ 1,430	-	5/ 1,430	
1948	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1949	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1951	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1952	6/ 2,381	43,617	45,998	96	96	81,185	81,281	127,279	-	127,279	
1953	7/ 175	25,364	25,539	485	485	101,901	102,386	127,925	2	127,927	
1954	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1955	1,424	56,153	57,577	539	539	189,631	190,170	247,747	4	247,751	

1/ Under 175 pounds prior to January 1, 1939. 2/ 175 to 699 pounds prior to January 1, 1939. 3/ Not so classified prior to January 1, 1936. 4/ Imports from Mexico were suspended by a border quarantine from June 5 to October 18, 1946. On December 27, 1946, an embargo was placed on imports of Mexican cattle, due to an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. 5/ Cattle imports shown in 1947 actually entered the United States in December 1946 but were not entered in the Customs Office books before the following January. 6/ The United States removed the embargo on imports from Mexico September 1, 1952. 7/ Effective May 23, 1953 the United States imposed an embargo on imports from Mexico following another outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. This embargo was lifted January 1, 1955.

Foreign Agricultural Service. Compiled from Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States and official records of the Bureau of the Census.

UNITED STATES: Imports of sheep and lambs, annual 1935-1955

Year	: Dutiable				: Breeding Total	
	Canada	Mexico	Other countries	Total dutiable	sheep (free)	sheep & lambs
	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head
1935	524	3,799	406	4,729	1,565	6,294
1936	821	3,300	580	4,701	2,093	6,794
1937	423	6,515	1,200	8,138	2,061	10,199
1938	302	3,707	594	4,603	2,214	6,817
1939	198	4,947	791	5,936	2,939	8,875
1940	205	-	-	205	3,178	3,383
1941	524	7,847	2	8,373	3,829	12,202
1942 <u>1/</u>	1,856	-	3	1,859	3,604	5,463
1943	215	1,189	-	1,404	2,884	4,288
1944 <u>2/</u>	135,380	2,064	32	137,476	3,257	140,733
1945 <u>3/</u>	95,959	2,000	10	97,969	3,171	101,140
1946	1,036	<u>4/</u> 2,849	-	3,885	3,627	7,512
1947	868	-	-	868	4,829	5,697
1948 <u>5/</u>	50,517	-	-	50,517	3,892	54,409
1949	38,562	-	-	38,562	2,692	41,254
1950	96,546	-	581	97,127	3,340	100,467
1951	13,804	-	508	14,312	2,591	16,903
1952 <u>6/</u>	292	<u>7/</u> -	12	304	603	907
1953 <u>8/</u>	868	<u>9/</u> -	-	868	1,283	2,151
1954	1,371	-	109	1,480	<u>10/</u> -	1,480
1955	7,640	-	-	7,640	<u>10/</u> -	7,640

1/ On October 1, 1942, the Canadian Government embargoed all shipments of sheep and lambs, including breeding sheep, so that Canada would be assured adequate meat supplies. On November 5, 1942 that Government removed restrictions on exports of sheep and lambs for breeding purposes. 2/ Effective September 29, the Canadian Government, removed export restrictions on sheep and lambs consigned to the United States for slaughter. 3/ On July 6 the Canadian Government restricted shipments of slaughter sheep and lambs but continued to permit shipments of breeding sheep from that country. 4/ Imports of sheep and lambs from Mexico were prohibited on December 27, 1946 due to an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. 5/ Canadian Government removed controls on export of slaughter and feeding stock August 3, 1948. 6/ Effective February 25, 1952, the United States placed an embargo on imports of sheep and lambs from Canada due to an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. 7/ The United States removed its embargo on imports of sheep and lambs from Mexico on September 1, 1952. 8/ The United States removed its embargo on imports of sheep and lambs from Canada on March 1, 1953. 9/ Effective May 23, 1953 the United States imposed an embargo on imports of sheep and lambs from Mexico due to an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. 10/ This is now included in "animals for breeding N.E.C.", commerce code number 0890500. Classified as asses and burros, goats, hogs and sheep.

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of the Census.

UNITED STATES: Imports of hogs, annual 1935-1955

Year	Dutiable hogs									
	Live weight					Equivalent 200 pound hogs				
	Canada	Mexico	Other	Total	1,000 lb	Canada	Mexico	Other	Total	Head
	1,000 lbs	1,000 lb	1,000 lb	1,000 lb	1,000 lb	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head
1935	3,266	91	57	3,414	16,330	455	285		17,070	27
1936	17,554	33	59	17,446	86,770	165	295		87,230	101
1937	16,500	14	41	16,555	82,500	70	205		82,775	29
1938	16	3	38	57	80	15	190		285	24
1939	4	-	82	86	20	-	410		430	174
1940	55	-	-	55	275	-	-		275	38
1941	8,249	774	-	9,023	41,245	3,870	-		45,115	50
1942	10	82	-	92	50	410	-		460	89
1943	16	-	-	16	80	-	-		80	521
1944	5	-	-	5	25	-	-		25	192
1945	16	2/	-	16	80	-	-		80	545
1946	23	-	-	23	115	-	-		115	1,189
1947	51	-	-	51	255	-	-		255	2,925
1948	66	-	5	71	330	-	25		355	2,028
1949	10	-	-	10	50	-	-		50	1,335
1950	24	-	-	24	120	-	-		120	865
1951	190	-	-	190	950	-	-		950	535
1952	26	11	11	37	130	-	55		185	11
1953	4,764	-	42	4,806	23,820	-	210		24,030	395
1954	6,120	-	23	6,143	30,600	-	115		30,715	2/
1955	1,252	-	66	1,318	6,260	-	330		6,590	2/

1/ On July 23, 1941, Canada placed an embargo on shipments of hogs to the United States, except purebred hogs for breeding purposes. This embargo was removed on May 3, 1951. 2/ Less than 500 pounds. 3/ This is now included in "animals for breeding N.E.C.". commerce code number 0890500. Classified as asses and burros, goats, hogs and sheep.

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of the Census.

UNITED STATES: Exports of cattle by country of destination, annual 1948-1955

Cattle for breeding

Country of destination	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head
Canada	437	465	495	852	642	885	1,275	1,108
Mexico	1,509	1,088	1,109	856	2,072	3,874	2,606	7,863
Costa Rica	20	100	61	20	240	50	356	302
Cuba	452	325	314	280	1,302	618	850	2,064
Dominican Republic	414	44	15	52	117	452	274	672
Colombia	359	87	253	311	431	974	4,694	4,793
Venezuela	1,920	480	323	327	1,427	2,719	3,902	5,455
Ecuador	127	107	133	204	88	74	211	139
Germany	-	-326	-	-	-	-	-	-
Czechoslovakia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	789	19	-	3	2	6	4	6
Greece	30	6	-	18	-	-	-	-
Israel	-	691	3,047	2,868	-	20	752	83
China	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	692	372	482	613	910	1,031	2,311	2,020
Total	6,749	4,110	6,232	6,404	7,231	10,703	17,235	24,505
Other cattle								
Canada	6	107	582	61	3,214	2,530	2,192	5,189
Mexico	141	39	133	68	310	1,367	1,427	5,028
Canal Zone	180	240	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Israel	-	760	1,311	1,711	-	-	-	-
Others	195	140	93	151	57	190	-	179
Total	561	1,286	2,119	1,991	3,581	4,087	4,017	10,396
Grand Total	7,310	5,396	8,351	8,395	10,812	14,790	21,252	34,901

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of the Census.

UNITED STATES: Exports of sheep and lambs by country of destination, annual 1948-1955

Country of destination	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head
Canada	184	103	28	84	7	3,536	9,745	21,448
Mexico	600	1,088	865	479	4,830	30,118	1,058	4,341
Guatemala	75	14	12	-	-	79	12	-
Colombia	3	-	4	105	-	-	5	-
Venezuela	-	-	986	-	-	6	53	-
Ecuador	6	76	537	370	82	-	542	-
Peru	-	-	12	-	258	105	118	260
Iran	-	-	-	-	1,075	-	-	-
Others	78	21	73	49	51	44	56	64
Total	946	1,302	2,517	1,087	6,303	33,888	11,589	26,113

UNITED STATES: Exports of hogs by country of destination, annual 1948-1955

Mexico	208	84	253	374	1,126	561	165	1,972
El Salvador	6	-	4	-	200	-	-	-
Honduras	12	-	-	-	12	204	8	22
Panama, Republic	14	11	3	14	-	196	-	7
Cuba	191	10	313	13	19	239	102	1,460
Dominican Republic	49	-	12	157	-	24	8	168
Colombia	2	28	466	-	20	180	211	505
Venezuela	4	196	78	27	-	-	-	12
Philippine Republic	-	-	174	-	12	-	-	-
Korean Republic	-	-	-	-	298	-	-	50
Taiwan	-	-	-	200	-	-	-	-
Others	209	109	141	150	61	3	393	182
Total	695	438	1,444	935	1,748	1,407	887	4,378

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of the Census.